Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. That fact also was considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the Government show such considerations in all cases where the husband passes away while in service ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government)*: I think Government generally do show such considerations.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: If that is the thing there is the end of the whole matter there.

Mr. President: That was one of the considerations that weighed with us in making this appointment.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I would suggest then that she could have been appointed in some High School or College. In an Industrial School like this, a woman with some industrial qualifications like Mrs. Anne Chandy, should have been appointed.

COLLECTION OF WATER-CESS FROM CULTIVATORS—PRIVATE ANICUT OWNERS—REGULATION OF

67. Mr. N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many private anicut owners are there in the Tamil Division of the Chittur Taluk;

(*b*) is it not a fact that they collect two *paras* of paddy per *para* of double crop land and one and a half *para* of paddy per *para* of single crop land;

(*c*) if so, is it not the duty of the Government to lighten the burden of the poor cultivators, by purchasing the rights of the private anicut owners;

(*d*) again, is it a fact that they collect water-cess at the above rates in *paras* which measure full 14 measures a *para*;

(*e*) what steps will the Government be pleased to take to alleviate the miseries of the cultivators from the grinding tyranny of the private anicut owners and iniquitous one-sided contracts entered into by the cultivators with their masters;

(*f*) is it a fact that one Thangaprakasa Nayakam of Palaniyarpalayam is the biggest anicut owner of the above description who collects water-cess at the above rates in huge *paras* which measure full 14 measures ?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) 21. (There is no recognised division of the Taluk known as Tamil Division. This figure 21 is given on the assumption that what is meant by the Tamil Division is the portion of the Chittur Taluk whose population is predominantly Tamilians).

(*b*) No; it is understood that they collect 2 *paras* of paddy per *para* of double crop land and one *para* of paddy per *para* of single crop land.

(*c*) No, as the cost of purchasing the rights of the private owners will not be commensurate with the advantages to be derived from it.

(*d*) No, it is understood that the *para* measures 12 *Edangalies* (measure).

(*e*) The question assumes that there is grinding tyranny and that there are many cases of iniquitous one-sided contracts; until these are established, Government are unable to answer the question. No representations of any tyranny or one-sided iniquitous contracts have been made to the Government.

(*f*) Thangaprakasa Nayakam of Palaniyarpalayam is a big anicut owner. It is reported that he collects water-cess in a *para* which measures 12 *Edangalies*.

മിസ്റ്റർ. എൻ. വ. സുബ്ബരായൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: പ്രൈവറ്റ് അണക്കെട്ടുകൾ ഗവർമെൻറിലേക്കെടുക്കാമോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* We have already answered that question, *i. e.* the cost of purchasing the right of the private anicut owners will not be commensurate with the advantages that will be derived from it.

മിസ്റ്റർ. എൻ. വി. സുബ്ബരായൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: പിരിക്കുന്നരീതിയിൽ ഒരു ക്രിച്ചം വെക്കുവാൻ ഗവർമെൻറിനു ഭയമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* That is a matter of private contract.

The Irrigation Act provides that this should be left entirely to the private parties concerned.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. വ. ഇയ്യു: അണക്കെട്ടുടമസ്ഥന്മാർ അവരവരുടെ കൃഷി സെയ്യുത്തിനു വെള്ളം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുന്നതുപോലെ വാരം വാങ്ങിക്കുന്ന ആളുകൾ കൃഷിക്കാർക്കു കൃഷി ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുപകാരമായ വിധത്തിൽ വെള്ളം വിടുമെന്നു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനറിയാമോ? Suppose they increase the rate to any amount?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* So far as we know, persons have entered into contracts with private anicut owners,

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and these are going on in that fashion. No complaint has ever been made to the Department to the effect that any of these contracts are iniquitous or one-sided. If any complaints of that type are received, we will look into them.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The rate of the water cess collected by the Government should be enforced in the case of these anicut owners also. The rate of water cess collected by the Government is far below the rates charged by the private owners.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I have no information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to conduct an enquiry into the matter and remove the hardship by insisting on the private anicut owners to charge at Government rates?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* There is no necessity now to do that, because there is no complaint.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural):* If such a rule is laid down will it not affect the rights of the private anicut owners?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* It is a matter of private contract. If they were aggrieved they would have made representation.

OFFICER OF THE TRICHUR MUSEUM—CRIMINAL CASE FOR DEFALCATION

68. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will the overnment be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there was Criminal case against an officer of the Trichur Museum during the year 1114 or 1113 for defalcation of Government money;

(*b*) the name, qualifications and period of service put in by the officer concerned;

(*c*) the amount involved;

(*d*) the punishment meted out to the delinquent?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Yes.

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